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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. SEKINE et al (see attached)

For:
A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TAPE MANAGEMENT

Enclosed are:



8 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-017033
filed January 27, 2003. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith. (which is hereby



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
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Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.



Specification: Abstract X, Description 19 pages; and 9 claim(s).



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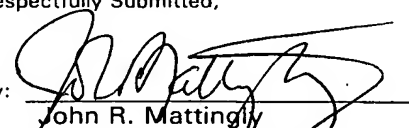
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